

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A local drug delivery apparatus comprising:

a medical device for implantation into a treatment site of a living organism;

a layer including a rapamycin in therapeutic dosages incorporated in a polymeric matrix and affixed to the medical device for the treatment of reactions by the living organism caused by the medical device or the implantation thereof; and

a biocompatible, water soluble powder applied to an outermost surface of the polymeric matrix configured to prevent the layer affixed to the medical device from separating from the medical device prior to implantation of the medical device at the treatment site.

Claim 2 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the medical device comprises an intraluminal medical device.

Claim 3 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the intraluminal medical device comprises a stent.

Claim 4 (cancelled):

Claim 5 (cancelled):

Claim 6 (cancelled):

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Claim 7 (cancelled):

Claim 8 (cancelled):

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-oxidant.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-coagulant.

Claim 18-51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (cancelled)